



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary November 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cherian Eapen and introductions were done.

The meeting summaries from the September 23 and October 21 meetings were approved (Firley moved; Daly seconded).

Update from the County Council – Councilmember Craig Rice provided an update on recent Council activities, deliberations and actions. He also spoke about the recent survey of the county's homeless population as part of the national 100,000 Homes Campaign. The Council will take up the Zoning Rewrite project with public hearings on December 2 and 9, and full Council worksessions on January 14, 15, and 16. The Council will hold another BRT worksession on November 19. They will probably take straw votes at the end of that session with action scheduled for the November 26.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director

Catherine Matthews shared the following information.

- Council PHED and T & E Committees will begin joint worksessions on the Ten Mile Creek Limited Amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan on Monday, January 13.
- Ms. Matthews referred the board to the latest newsletter for additional news/updates.

Discussion – Future Transit in the Upcounty (CCT, BRT)

Guests Rick Kiegel from the MTA updated the board on the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT). Larry Cole from the County's Planning Department, and Charles Lattuca, DOT's Rapid Transit Manager, updated them on the proposed BRT system.

Chair's Report

Mr. Cherian Eapen, Chair, told the board that their priorities for capital projects will be provided in testimony at the Council's public hearing on the 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Committee / Liaison Reports - None.

New Business/Announcements - A new board representative is needed for the Shady Grove Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee. The Committee was created with a seat for UCAB and the previous liaison, Natalia Farrar, has resigned from the board.

Mr. Brian Donohue moved that UCAB take a position on the Midcounty Highway/M83 road project that has been a controversial issue for years. There was no second to the motion. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the topic would be tabled until more information was available. The Planning Board is expected to announce their position on the project on November 21.

Community Concerns/Comments – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm (Seals moved; Firley seconded).

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Board Attendance: Juan Cardenas, Beth Daly, Brian Donohue, Cherian Eapen, Mark Firley, Scott Graham, Matthew Leakan, Kevin Linck, Annie McDonald, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, Ketaki Singh,.

Additional Guests: Art Slesinger, Eileen Cahill, David Stein, Keith Miller, Stacy Silber, Matt __?__, Richard Wilder, Joe Nelson

Staff: Catherine Matthews

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